

CAPT. RICE REPORTS HIS GUNNERS HIT U-BOAT AT DISTANCE OF 1,000 YARDS

BULLETIN

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

London, April 25—Capt. Rice of the American steamship, Mongolia, which has arrived at a British port, told the Associated Press that the Mongolia fired the first gun of the war for the United States and has sunk a German submarine.

The submarine, Capt. Rice said, was about to attack the Mongolia in British waters on April 19 when the incident occurred. He declared that there was absolutely no doubt but that the U-boat was hit and that there was every reason to believe it was destroyed.

The naval gunners on board the Mongolia made a clean hit at 1,000 yards. The periscope was seen to be shattered.

Even more pertinent a fact as regards the ultimate fate of the submarine was that the shell disappeared immediately after the hit was made. Oil was also seen on the water after the submarine disappeared.

The Mongolia was going at full speed and was a long distance away when the spray and foam subsided. The officers observed the spot through glasses and they are confident that the submarine was sunk.

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

New York, April 25—The American steamship, Mongolia, was a vessel of 13,638 tons and was owned by the International Mercantile Marine. It left an American port for England April 7 on its second trip since the German declaration of February 1.

The Mongolia carried a crew of United States naval gunners in charge of a lieutenant. It is one of the largest vessels under the American flag.

HIGH GASOLINE DUE TO THE STANDARD OIL, REPORTS THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Reopen Oil Trust Case To Modify Supreme Court Decision Is Recommendation Made Today.

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

Washington, April 24—Domination of the gasoline industry by Standard Oil interests, the federal trade commission reported to the senate today, has been largely responsible for high gasoline prices of the last two years.

The report, written after an exhaustive investigation into the entire petroleum industry, declares interlocking stock ownership prevents any real competition among the various Standard Oil companies and the commission recommends legislation to permit re-opening of the Oil Trust case to obtain modifications of the supreme court's dissolution decree.

No conclusive evidence was found, it is stated, that collusion exists among the Standard companies in violation of the decree, but the commission's findings have been transmitted to the attorney general.

Prices are declared to have been raised arbitrarily, although natural cause contributed. Pronounced price inequalities were found in different parts of the country.

The principal findings of the commission are:

That in most marketing territories the Standard companies are dominant. That the Standard companies have maintained a distribution of territory in marketing gasoline, and that no substantial competition in the chief petroleum products exists among the standard companies.

That the absence of competition is due to a community of stock ownership.

That the facts disclose advances in prices of gasoline and differences in price, corresponding to Standard marketing territories, which couldn't be explained except under the conditions charged.

That the combination of pipe lines with other branches of the industry has tended to establish and perpetuate monopoly.

That there is no conclusive evidence of collusion among the Standard companies in violation of the dissolution decree.

The commission recommended these measures as necessary to remedy conditions:

A law providing for the re-opening of anti-trust cases on the application of the attorney general by a bill of review for the purpose of obtaining such modifications of decrees as are

required by new conditions.

Legislation to abolish uncertain cases common stock ownership in corporations formerly members of combinations dissolved under the Sherman law.

Effective limitation of common ownership of stock in potentially competitive corporations by withdrawing the power of voting and control.

Legislation, which while recognizing common ownership would fix upon such common owners the responsibility for the acts of each of the several subsidiary companies which prevent competition.

Segregation of ownership of pipe lines from the other branches of the petroleum industry.

Congressional enactment to fix standards for gasoline.

Federal collection and publication of accurate statistics and information concerning the industry.

Conditions in the gasoline industry as uncovered by the investigation are declared to be:

Gasoline marketing is divided into eleven territorial divisions at least nine of which are said to be under standard oil domination.

Stockholders of the Standard companies to a great degree are the same individuals or interests, with more than half of the stock of the various companies in their hands.

Leading officers of the Standard companies hold considerable stock in two or more companies.

Standard Oil refineries produced more than sixty per cent of the gasoline output in 1915, sold about 65 per cent of the total marketed and held more than 70 per cent of gasoline stocks.

"Correspondence of the different prices in 1915 with Standard marketing territories," says the report, "itself points to arbitrary price-fixing. But the arbitrary character of the inequalities in price is conclusively demonstrated by the facts that as between most of the territories there were no such differences in demand and supply and the margin between cost and price was widely different in the different territories."

Wholesale gasoline price rose between 75 and 85 per cent in 1915, says the report. Retail prices kept close behind them. The part increased demand and scarcity of the product played in the increase is shown in figures giving the increase in demand 38 per cent in 1915 and the production seven per cent below the year before. The Standard books show large earnings, says the report, as also was evidenced by the enhanced stock market value of Standard securities.

GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN

Oregon Senator is Chairman of the Military Committee.



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OHIO HAPPENINGS

Insanity the Defense.

Wooster, O., April 25.—Statements to the jury in the trial of Glenn Landis, former Akron militiaman, charged with the murder of Charles Esel, man, at whose home he boarded, indicated that insanity will be the defense. Should the jury become convinced that Landis is insane, the case against Mrs. Belva Esel, charged with being an accomplice in killing her husband, may be dropped.

Actor Badly Injured.

Columbus, April 25.—The diving act of the three Trevilla brothers came to a tragic finale at Keith's theater when Jack Trevilla fell from the inclined plane on which he was sliding into a tank raised above the stage and striking his head upon the stage, sustaining a fractured skull. He was taken to a hospital, where he was operated on to relieve pressure on the brain.

Court Roasts Prisoner.

Canton, O., April 25.—"I think the best thing that could have happened to the community would have been a colored funeral a few days after the shooting," said Judge Harvey Ake in sentencing William Johnson, colored, found guilty of shooting Officer Jesse Vogley. Vogley also wounded Johnson in the fight. "I'm sorry the officer didn't kill you," said the judge.

Slain by Daughter.

Cleveland, April 25.—Domestic trouble led to the death of Ludwig Meir, fifty-three, at his home near Cleveland. Ruth Meir, twenty-one, his daughter, is said to have shot and killed Meir when she discovered him chasing her brother John, sixteen, in the yard and trying unsuccessfully to fire a revolver at him. It is said that Meir had been on a rampage.

Woman's Body Found in River.

Toledo, O., April 25.—The body of an unidentified woman about thirty years old was taken from the Maumee river here. It had been in the water several days. Bruises about the face caused police to believe the woman was murdered. She was well dressed.

Girl Missing.

Xenia, O., April 25.—Search is being made for eighteen-year-old Margaret Poland, Xenia high school girl, who left her classroom on receipt of a long distance call stating her mother was ill in Dayton. Mrs. Poland advances a theory that her daughter may possibly have married.

Cox Asks For Another Regiment.

Columbus, April 25.—Governor Cox requested Secretary of War Baker to call out another regiment of the Ohio national guard to guard industrial plants engaged in federal service. Two regiments, the Third, Dayton, and Sixth, Toledo, now are doing federal duty in Ohio.

TO THE POINT.

Two cases of infantile paralysis, the first this year, were reported by the New York department of health. Leslie Womack, suffrage commission of New York announced that \$557,303 women in the United States have the ballot.

Florida senate passed a resolution to submit equal suffrage to the voters in 1918. Measure now goes to the house.

At Mobile, Ala., Wallace Leonce Farragut, great-grandson of Admiral Farragut, enlisted in the United States navy.

Frederick Carlos Ferry, dean of Williams college since 1902, was elected president of Hamilton college, Clinton, N. Y.

Edward Vinton of Buffalo, who conducted a dog act in vaudeville, fell dead of heart disease on the stage at Detroit theater.

Earl B. Rice, seventeen, died at Detroit of a broken neck. Officials of the board of education have begun an investigation of charges that Rice sustained his injury while being initiated into a fraternity.

PEACE RUMORS RIFE IN EUROPE

Bulgarian War Minister Hints That End of War Is Near.

GERMAN TERMS MODERATE

Russian Revolution and American Intervention Said to Have Brought Peace Nearer—Reported German Emperor Has Been Requested to Abdicate—Liberal Legislation Is Promised in Germany.

London, April 25.—Peace rumors are rife in a number of European capitals.

"My opinion is that peace is nearer than many think," the Berlin Vossische Zeitung's correspondent quotes the Bulgarian minister of war as saying. "The Russian revolution and American intervention," he added, "have brought peace nearer. President Wilson, through his declaration of war, has furthered the cause of peace, for America will now require ammunition and food supplies and must cease supplying the allies. America, in reality, through her war declaration, ceased to wage war against the central empires."

The Anzeiger of Dusseldorf publishes a Berlin press dispatch that at a reception to foreign journalists in Berlin "the most reassuring declarations" were given out concerning the democratic character of the new orientation as evidenced by the proposed legislation. In fact, it was said, "democracy is on the march." Nothing was said about Germany's war aims except the general statement that "the world will be astonished by the moderation of the German peace terms."

George Bernhard, editor of the Berlin Vossische Zeitung and a member of the inner councils of the radical party, takes issue with those Socialists who advocate peace on the basis of no indemnity and no annexation. Herr Bernhard declares that the future of Germany will be gravely compromised if the country is compelled to bear the burden of a war debt of 120,000,000,000 marks.

The Corriere D'Italia, the clerical organ, published at Rome, declares that it is able to confirm reports published in the Spanish newspapers that the immediate following of the German emperor is exerting pressure on him to abdicate. The paper says that at a recent meeting of the Hohenzollern family one member, bolder than the rest, intimated that the emperor might save the situation by following the example of the Emperor Nicholas.

REVENUE NEEDED FOR THE WAR CHEST

No Nation Wide Prohibition Legislation at This Session.

Washington, April 25.—In making their plans for raising nearly \$2,000,000,000 for war expenses from taxation, house leaders are proceeding upon confident belief that there will be no nation-wide prohibition legislation at this session of congress. Even many of the most optimistic prohibition champions now are hoping for no more than a law forbidding the sale of liquor to soldiers or sailors.

The case against any attempt at general prohibition legislation has been based upon the arguments that a constitutional amendment could not be adopted and put into effect in less than a year or more and that the government needs the revenue from liquor taxes for the war chest.

The ways and means subcommittee, which is drafting a preliminary revenue bill, is being urged to increase the levies on whisky and beer to the highest possible figure. The proposal is being seriously considered, it is learned, and big advances in the present tax of \$2.10 a gallon on whisky and \$1.50 a barrel on beer are certain to be recommended to the full committee.

The income from distilled spirits last year was approximately \$159,000,000, and it would not be surprising if the tax were raised to such a point as to yield between \$400,000,000 and \$500,000,000 this year. Beer taxes last year amounted to \$89,000,000, but under present plans the income from this source will be increased more than \$100,000,000.

Spain Warns Germany.

London, April 25.—The Spanish government's note to Germany regarding Germany's submarine campaign contains a paragraph stating that if Germany continues in its determination to sink all vessels in order to defend its life, Spain must take a like step to defend her life.

Go Barefoot to Aid in War.

Burnet, Tex., April 25.—A barefoot club has been organized here by business men and any member who does not go to work barefooted after May 1 must forfeit \$1 to the Red Cross for each offense.

What Women Like to Know

Smart Spring Gown

The afternoon reception gown here pictured is of Alice blue velvet cut on the new straight spring lines, in which



Photo by American Press Association.

RECEPTION GOWN.

girdles are made to look as long as possible. Silver lace woven in the Paisley pear pattern is used as bandings. The entire crown of the charming hat is metal shadow lace.

Grow Vegetables in Home Yards and Vacant Lots

Gardens will be a factor in overcoming the present food shortage. Recognizing the economic value of producing vegetables in home yards and vacant lots, the board of administration has approved the appointment of local leaders as temporary assistants in the boys and girls' club work of the Kansas State Agricultural college.

These leaders will work under the direction of the division of extension and in co-operation with county superintendents, school teachers and farm bureaus. They will not only promote garden clubs among boys and girls, but will interest women who would find real pleasure in growing vegetables for table use and some of the old people likewise who cannot stand the heavier work of the farm, but who prefer to be active.

The assistants will urge the canning of surplus products for home use.

Household Hints

A combination of vanilla and lemon is a pleasing flavoring for a hard sauce.

When next making fudge add just a few drops of molasses after it has boiled for five minutes. Another change in this delectable sweet meat is to season it with spices or to add a few chopped dates or figs.

Try a little scraped maple sugar on the dish of rice; it will be found delicious.

Cubes of cranberry jelly make a delightful garnish for salads or the plate of cold sliced meat.

If the ham that is to be roasted is rubbed well with brown sugar its color as well as its flavor will be improved.

Wet eggs before dropping them into boiling water and they are not so likely to crack as when put in dry.

Make a French salad dressing as usual and add a small amount of grated Parmesan cheese before serving. This is excellent on vegetable salads.

Food Value of Vegetables.

Potatoes and most of the other vegetables and fruits tend to make the body tissues and fluids alkaline, so correcting the tendency of meat, eggs, fish and similar foods to create acid conditions. Since the body performs its work best when it is neutral or slightly alkaline, this function of fruits and vegetables is important, especially to the hearty meat eater.

Red Hands.

Red hands and prominent veins in the hands and arms are often the effect of poor circulation, the heart not carrying back the blood. The various exercises of deep breathing if practiced systematically and regularly will prove beneficial and in many cases effect a complete cure.

GOOD COMMON SENSE.

I think that good must come of good. And fill of evil, surely unto all. In every place or time, seeing sweet fruit. Growth from wholesome roots or bitter things. From poison stocks—yea, seeing, too, how spite. Breeds hate, and kindness friends, or patience peace. —Edwin Arnold.

SPAIN SHOULD UNITE WITH FRANCE, DECLARES COUNT WHO RESIGNED

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

Paris, April 25—Count Romanones, in an interview with the Madrid correspondent of the Petit Parisien, declared unequivocally that his resignation as Spanish premier was due to his conviction that Spain should join France in the European struggle. The former premier is said to have declared:

"We are at an hour when every conscientious man must cast his vote and take his position in the European conflict. In handing my resignation to the king I voted for France I weighed every word of my letter to the king and I maintained more than ever that Spain should join the Allies. I am more than ever certain of being right."

CHAMP CLARK TAKES FLOOR AGAINST DRAFT

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

Washington, Apr. 25—Opposition to the selective draft bill reached its climax in the house today when Speaker Clark took the floor and in his usual style championed the volunteer army amendment, already favorably reported to the house by the military committee.

Deploping the fact that he could not stand by the president whom he unreservedly declared was wrong on the question, the speaker pleaded that the young men be given an opportunity to offer their services voluntarily.

"I protest with all my heart and

soul," he shouted, "against having the stir of being a conscript placed upon the men of Missouri. So far as Missourians are concerned, there is little difference between a conscript and a convict." The speaker made a defense of congressmen who, in the face of attack, have stood by the volunteer plan.

"For several years," the speaker said, "there has been a systematic effort in congress, in many newspapers, by some public speakers and in Sunday magazines to belittle, depreciate and minimize the volunteer plan."

Several senators thought today that tomorrow afternoon was too early for a vote and Senator Chamberlain, who has sought unanimous consent for a vote tomorrow afternoon, withdrew his proposal. He said he would be satisfied if the final vote were reached on Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Freeman and daughter, Miss Agnes, Mrs. W. S. Sperry and Mrs. E. M. Cornell went to Columbus Monday to attend the Central Ohio Association of Congregational Churches.

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